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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: Conforming MTC 2003 FTIP for Amendment into the FSTIP

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) conforming 2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated January 30, 2003. MTC Resolution No. 3500, adopted the MTC's 2003 FTIP. This FY 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) amendment proposes the inclusion of the MTC's conforming FTIP in the FSTIP, adding non-exempt projects and making minor revisions to a number of exempt projects currently contained in the FSTIP.

We concur with Caltrans' withholding approval of the "lump sum" projects for which supporting documentation was not provided.

We also are not approving the following lump sum projects for inclusion in the FSTIP at this time:

<u>MPO ID</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>
MTC991007	TLC Projects – Lump Sum Regional Share **
MTC990004	CMAQ Match Reserve – Lump Sum **
VAR991006	Lump Sum Local Emergency Repair (local roads)
VAR991007	Lump Sum Local Bridge Replacement
VAR991008	Lump Sum Local Seismic Retrofit
VAR991009	Lump Sum Local Railroad Crossing
VAR991004	Lump Sum Emergency Repair Program (state hwys)

**Note: MTC staff has indicated that these projects are shown for information only.

Our approval of the following lump sum projects for inclusion in the FSTIP is limited to the programming of projects for which supporting documentation was provided:

<u>MPO ID</u>	<u>PROJECT NAME</u>
VAR991010	Lump Sum HES & SR2S Programs
VAR991002	Lump Sum Seismic Retrofit
VAR991003	Lump Sum Minor Project Program
VAR991005	Lump Sum SHOPP non-capacity program
VAR991011	Lump Sum Soundwall Retrofit

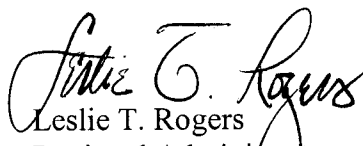
In accordance with 23 CFR 450 we find that the MTC 2003 FTIP was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53).

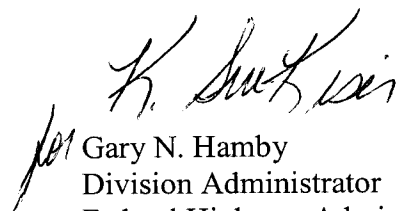
A conformity determination was made on the 2003 FTIP as adopted by MTC Resolution No. 3500 on January 22, 2003. The FHWA and the FTA joint letter to the MTC dated February 3, 2003, documented our finding that the MTC's 2003 FTIP conforms to the applicable state implementation plans for air quality. The air quality conformity finding was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 40 CFR 51 and 93.

This letter constitutes the FHWA and the FTA joint approval for inclusion of the MTC's 2003 FTIP, except for the above listed projects, into the FSTIP. The FHWA and the FTA accept those projects contained in the conforming 2003 FTIP that are within the triennial element of the current FSTIP. Pursuant to the provisions of 23 CFR 450.216(a)(2), those projects in the MTC's FTIP that are listed outside the triennial element of the FSTIP are considered by the FHWA and the FTA as having been submitted for informational purposes only. Additionally, projects identified by the MTC as "informational only" and included in the triennial element are also considered by the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes only. Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that the FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements. We also encourage Caltrans and the MTC to assure that the FTIP projects are promptly entered into the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

Please contact Ms. K. Sue Kiser, FHWA at 916-498-5009 or Ms. Donna Turchie, FTA at 415-744-2737 if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,


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MTC FTIP Binder w/ Caltrans Letter

FSTIP Binder

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